

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

The House passed H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act; H.R. 3671, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvements Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2145–S2267

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2357–2367, and S. Res. 281–282. **Page S2233**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report of the Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States on the 2000 Economic Report of the President. (S. Rept. No. 106–255) **Page S2233**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, to congratulate the Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship. **Pages S2156–57**

Congratulating University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, congratulating the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2000 Women's Basketball Championship. **Pages S2157–59, S2264**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 101, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2145–56, S2159–S2227, S2264–67**

Adopted:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 53), Hutchison/Ashcroft Amendment No. 2914, to express the sense of the Senate to provide for relief from the marriage penalty tax. **Pages S2145–56**

Domenici (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2928, to provide funding for certain health care programs for military retirees and their dependents. **Pages S2178–79**

Domenici (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2929 (to Amendment No. 2928), to limit the amount of the reserve fund for military retiree health care. **Page S2179**

Rejected:

Bingaman Amendment No. 2926, to provide funding for certain education programs. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2159–78, S2195–96**

Conrad Amendment No. 2935 (to Amendment No. 2906), to increase the amount of debt reduction contained in the resolution by \$75 billion over 5 years. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2190–95, S2196**

Pending:

Stevens Amendment No. 2931, to strike certain provisions relating to emergency designation spending point of order.

Stevens Amendment No. 2932, to strike certain provisions relating to Congressional firewall for defense and non-defense spending.

Byrd/Warner Amendment No. 2943, to express the sense of the Senate on the continued use of Federal fuel taxes for the construction and rehabilitation of our nation's highways, bridges, and transit systems. **Pages S2197–S2206**

Roth Amendment No. 2955, to strike the revenue assumption for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) receipts in fiscal year 2005. **Pages S2206–22**

Robb Amendment No. 2965, to reduce revenue cuts by \$5.9 billion over the next five years to help fund school modernization projects. **Pages S2222–27**

Durbin Amendment No. 2953, to provide for debt reduction and to protect the Social Security Trust Fund. **Pages S2264–67**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 52), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Robb Amendment No. 2915 (to Amendment No. 2914), to condition Senate consideration of any tax cut reconciliation legislation on previous enactment of legislation to provide an outpatient prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program that is consistent with Medicare reform. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2145–55**

By 16 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 56), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Allard/Enzi/Grams Amendment No. 2906, to protect social security and provide for repayment of the Federal debt. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the provisions of the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2179–90, S2196–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Thursday, April 6, 2000, and there be 8 hours and 30 minutes remaining on the resolution, with votes to occur on the pending Byrd/Warner Amendment No. 2943 (listed above), and the pending Roth Amendment No. 2955 (listed above), beginning at 10:30 a.m. **Pages S2225, S2264**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the Department of Transportation's Biennial Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–99) **Page S2232**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico vice Raymond L. Acosta, retired. **Page S2267**

Messages From the President: **Pages S2231–32**

Communications: **Pages S2232–33**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—56) **Pages S2155–56, S2196–97**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 10:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2264.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary, and John D. Trezise, Director, Office of Budget, both of the Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominantly by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1705 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho;

S. 1727, to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, with an amendment;

S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment;

S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York, with an amendment;

H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment;

S. 311, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, with an amendment;

S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama;

S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State;

S. 1797, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ARCTIC ENERGY POTENTIAL

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the energy potential of the 1002 Area of the Arctic Coastal Plain, the role this energy could play in national security; the role this energy could play in reducing U.S. dependence on imported oil, and S. 2214, to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, after receiving testimony from Alaska Governor Tony Knowles, Juneau; David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Brenda Itta Lee, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Barrow, Alaska; Gerald L. Hood, Alaska General Teamsters Local 959, on behalf of the International Brother-

hood of Teamsters, and Roger C. Herrera, Northern Knowledge, both of Anchorage, Alaska; W. Thomas Goerold, Lookout Mountain Analysis, Golden Colorado, on behalf of the Alaska Wilderness League; and Luci Beach, Gwich'in Nation, Fort Yukon, Alaska.

MEDICAID IN SCHOOLS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine Medicaid policies and practices related to school-based health services and administrative activities, after receiving testimony from Kathryn G. Allen, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, and Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General for Special Investigations, both of the General Accounting Office; Timothy Westmoreland, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Lynn Davenport, MAXIMUS, Inc., Waltham, Massachusetts; Susan Sclafani, Houston Independent School District, Texas; and Jacquelin Golden, National Parent Network on Disabilities, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the American Physical Therapy Association.

UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations held hearings on United Nations peacekeeping missions and their proliferation, focusing on the principles underlying traditional U.N. peacekeeping, expansion of peacekeeping into new and non-tradition fields after the end of the Cold War, outcomes of recent missions, and the question of American interest implications, receiving testimony from John Hillen, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century (Hart-Rudman Commission); John R. Bolton, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth Allard, Stratfor.com, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HOLOCAUST LEGACIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on legacies of the Holocaust, focusing on providing a forum for discussion, exposing long-suppressed truths about World War II and Holocaust-era assets, and to bring justice to survivors and victims, receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of Treasury/Special Representative of the Secretary of State and the President on Holocaust-Related Issues; Edgar M. Bronfman, Chairman, Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States; Elie Wiesel, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Mark B. Levin, National Conference of Soviet Jewry, and David A.

Harris, American Jewish Committee, both of Washington, D.C.; and Israel Singer, World Jewish Congress, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts resumed open and closed oversight hearings on alleged Chinese espionage, focusing on the plea-bargain agreement reached in the case of Peter Lee, receiving testimony from Jonathan Shapiro, Los Angeles, California, former Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California.

Committee will meet again Wednesday, April 12.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role of political parties in America, focusing on campaign finance reform issues, after receiving testimony from Representatives Shays and Meehan; Bobby R. Burchfield, Covington and Burling, Scott Harshbarger, Common Cause, and Charles E.M. Kolb, Committee for Eco-

nomic Development, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael C. Munger, Duke University, Department of Political Science, Durham, North Carolina; Robert T. Bennett, Ohio Republican Party, Columbus; and Dylan C. Glenn, Albany, Georgia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

INDIAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, and to require Federal Indian program evaluations, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; JoAnn K. Chase, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Britt E. Clapham, II, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Window Rock, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4180–4197; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 298–299 and H. Res. 461–463, were introduced. **Pages H1851–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 1776, to expand homeownership in the United States (H. Rept. 106–553 Part 2); and

H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of H.R. 1776, to expand homeownership in the United States (H. Rept. 106–562). **Page H1851**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1767**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Jim Fisher, Chaplain, United States Coast Guard of Washington, D.C. **Page H1767**

Sequoia Ecosystem and Recreation Preserve Act: Agreed that Representative George Miller of California be hereafter considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2077, a bill originally introduced by the late

Honorable George Brown of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints. **Page H1767**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act: The House passed H.R. 3660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions by a ye and nay vote of 287 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 104. **Pages H1779–H1801**

Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back with an amendment that exempts a partial-birth abortion to avert serious adverse longterm physical health consequences by a ye and nay vote of 140 yeas to 289 nays, Roll No. 103. **Pages H1799–H1801**

H. Res. 457, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 244 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 102. **Pages H1771–79**

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: The Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act. **Page H1801**

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvements Act: The House passed H.R. 3671, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts by a ye and nay vote of 423 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 105. **Pages H1806–21**

Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Pages H1815–20**

Agreed to:

Young of Alaska amendment that increases the cap on the amounts authorized in the bill for the annual Set-Asides for Administration and makes technical changes; **Page H1818**

Udall of Colorado amendment that requires an implementation report on the Act from the Secretary of the Interior; and **Page H1819**

Traficant amendment that requires compliance with the Buy American Act. **Pages H1819–20**

H. Res. 455, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H1801–06**

Presidential Message—Transportation of Hazardous Materials: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the Department of Transportation biennial report on the transportation of hazardous materials for Calendar Years 1996–1997—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1821**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1778–79, H1800–01, H1801, and H1820–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on the Everglades. Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Energy and Natural Resources Division, GAO; and Mary Doyle, Chairperson, South Florida Task Force, and Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health; John Feussner, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer; Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer; Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits; Michael Walker, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs; Richard Griffin, Inspector General; Edward Powell, Assistant Secretary, Financial Management; Mark Catlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Leigh Bradley, General Counsel; E.D. Clark, Chairman, Board of Veterans Appeals; Harold Gracey, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; Eugene Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration; and Dennis Duffy, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Analysis, and Acting Secretary, Congressional Affairs.

ENERGY POLICY ACT TECHNICS; NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2641, to make technical corrections to title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Testimony was heard from James J. Fiori, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management for Site Closure, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 380, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION OPTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

OSHA'S EMPLOYEE WORK AT HOME POLICY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Rulemaking at the U.S. Department of Labor: OSHA's Employee Work at Home Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Edward Montgomery, Deputy Secretary; and Sally Patricia Paxton, Deputy Solicitor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Mail-back Response Rates and Status of Key Operations. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; and Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 1625, Human Rights Information Act; H.R. 4110, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005; H. Res. 15, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Government procurement access for women-owned businesses; H.R. 3582, Federal Contractor Flexibility Act; and a concurrent resolution on the year 2000 computer problem.

HAITI: PROSPECTS FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Haiti: Prospects for Free and Fair Elections. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Romero, Acting Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: S. 406, Alaska Native and American Indian Direct Reimbursement Act; H. Res. 443, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the centennial of the rais-

ing of the United States flag in American Samoa; H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; H.R. 2647, to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights; H.R. 2932, amended, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska; H.R. 3182, Craig Municipal Equity Act; H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; H.R. 3293, amended, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; and H.R. 4021, Giant Sequoia Groves Protection and Management Act of 2000.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Banking and Financial Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides

for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach and Representatives Lazio, LaFalce, Frank of Massachusetts, Waters Weygand, Inslee, Rush and Sanchez.

CASH VERSUS ACCRUAL

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Cash versus Accrual: The Policy Implications of the Growing Inability of Small Businesses to Use Simple Tax Accounting. Testimony was heard from Joseph M. Mikrut, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 673, Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act of 1999; H.R. 855, Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act; H.R. 1106, Alternative Water Sources Act of 1999; H.R. 1237, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program; H.R. 2957, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Protection Act of 1999 and H.R. 3313, Long Island Sound Restoration Act.

VA CAPITAL ASSET PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Capital Asset Planning. Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Florida; Stephan P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Frances M. Murphy, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Policy and Management; Terrence S. Batliner, DDS, Director, VISN 19; and Dennis Smith, Director, VA Maryland Health Care System; and representatives of veterans organizations.

TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS 2000

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4163, Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on interstate shipments of state inspected meat, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Office of Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Trade Commission, 9:30 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the International Financial Institutions, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine procedures and standards for the granting of security clearances at the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with aviation security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the proposed five-year strategic plan of the U.S. Forest Service in compliance with Government Results and Performance Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine China's accession to the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, with the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold joint hearings on China in the World Trade Organization, focusing on United States high technology sector, 10 a.m., SD-419.

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Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nomination of John Antoon II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; the nomination of Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; the nomination of Marianne O. Battani, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Anna Diggs Taylor, retired; the nomination of David M. Lawson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Avern Cohn, retired; H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia; S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976; H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war; and S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on H.R. 3453, Emergency Food Assistance Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Bureau of the Census, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on NOAA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on public witnesses—Natural Resources, Energy, and other programs, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Armed Forces Retirement Home, and National on Disability, 10 a.m., on Elementary and Secondary Education, and Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol, and on NASA, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Third Party Billing Company Fraud: Assessing the Threat Posed to Medicare, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing to receive the report of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 3489, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Pro-

tect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Autism: Present Challenges, Future Needs—Why the Increased Rates? 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Status of Negotiations Between China and Tibet, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to mark up H.R. 3680, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to the adjustment of composite theoretical performance levels of high performance computers, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Fourth Amendment and the Internet, 2:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 4051, Project Exile: The Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Act of 2000, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following: H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; and H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, followed by an oversight hearing on Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on Section 119 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

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